authorised by them, has the powers. Hence, the General Government does not propose to confer similar powers on the Export Inspection Council.

Production of F.C.V. Tobacoo

2669. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pcased to state that the total production of F.C.V. Tobacco, unit-wise and carry ever stock during the last three years, year-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHED): Total production of FCV Tobacco during last three years was 100.81 million kgs. in 1989-90, 109.49 M.Kgs. in 1990-91 and 159.19 M.Kgs. in 1991-92. There were no carry over stock from 1989-90 and 1990-91 crops for the following years. Carry over stock from 1991-92 A.P. crop is estimated as around 10 M.Kgs. for 1992-93 season.

Setting UP Hong Kong Type Electronics Hardware Technology Park

2670. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up Hong Kong type Electronics hardware technology Park at Madapur near Hyderabad in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) The proposal of M/s Andhra Pradesh Electronics development Corporation Limited to set up an Electronics Hardware Technology Park infrastructure at Madhapur Village, Near Jubiee Hills in Ranga Reddy District in Andhra Pradesh, has been approved by the Department of Electronics.

Development of Electronic Sound System Industry

2671. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is total lack of innovation and development in our electronic sound system industry; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to ensure future growth of the industry and scope for exports of electronic sound systems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) No, Sir. As a result of liberal industrial and trade policy, this industry is witnessing growth both in domestic and export markets. Standard value based Input-output norms under Duty Exemption Scheme have been revised to help boost its export. Under the Industrial licensing Policy, the units are eligible for automatic approval of technical foreign collaborations, which may help industry in corporating latest technology.

India's Participation in Asia-Pacific Economic Coorperation

2672. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are working out strategies for active participation as a member of the Asia Pacific Economic Coorporation (APEC) in view of its important role in the economic, social and

cultural sectors in the region as well as due to its geographical proximity.

(b) if so, what are the details of strategies worked out to increase intra-region trade, investment and economic cooperation closely integrated with world order-particularly with reference to emerging regional groups and trading blocks around the world; and

(c) the details of steps taken to strengthen the ties with the nations of the Asia Pacific region in mutual interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) Government are considering participation in the activities of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC). India's membership in APEC is not visualised at present. We are, however, examining modalities for possible participation in the work programmes of APEC which are open to all countries.

(b) Our general policy towards regional economic groupings is of constructive participation aimed at strengthening economic cooperation and facilitating ties and interaction between the people, business and industry associations and technical institutes in India and those in the outside world to mutual benefit.

(c) India already has excellent relations with the nations of the Asia-Pacific region. Apart from frequent meetings of political leaders, institutionalised fora for discussing outstanding economic issues such as, e.g., Joint Trade Committees/ Business Forums/Study Committees have been established. Regular meetings are held at all levels in order to develop our economic and commercial cooperation in line with out priorities.

Rights Under Indo-Nepal Treaty

2673. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the clause 7 of the Indo-Nepal Treaty signed in 1950, citizens of both the countries are conferred with civil rights such as right of movement in each other's country and such employment like purchase of properties and undertaking business etc. without any restrictions; and

(b) if so, the detials thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) Under Article 7 of the Indo-Nepal Treaty of 1950 the Governments of India and Nepal agree to grant, on a reciprocal basis, to the nationals of one country in the territories of the other the same privileges in the matter of residence, ownership of property, participation in trade and commerce, movement and other privileges of a similar nature.

Compensation to Bhutan on a Lease Hold Land

2674. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kalimgpong-Dooris parts of Bhutan is still a lease hold land and Government of India are paying annual compensation to Bhutan in terms of money; and

(b) if so, what is the present amount of money being paid annualy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.